

POKER GAME POOL IN COTTON.

SULLY PUT INTO BANKRUPTCY FOR AN INQUIRY.

Creditors Hope to Get at Alleged Backers: Railroad Man, Express Man and Tobacco Firm—Receivers Seal Up Three of the Firm's Four Office Doors.

Daniel J. Sully & Co. were put into involuntary bankruptcy yesterday. If Mr. Sully had never played sweetheart poker at the Hoffman House he might still be cotton king. And if a railroad president, a tobacco magnate and the president of an express company hadn't sat in the game with him there might not have been any pooling agreements between them and Sully to pool cotton and Sully's creditors would not be expecting these men of many millions to step up and help Sully pay his debts.

For the benefit of the uninitiated it may be stated that sweetheart poker differs from the old fashioned game only in that the players play for the profit of their wives or sweethearts instead of themselves.

It is not recorded when the party began its sessions, but Mr. Sully's friends were saying yesterday that Sully sat in not long after he had made his first New York fortune as a cotton speculator. He talked between deals and his friends asked him many questions. Finally, so the story went yesterday, the first pool was formed.

The expressman, the tobaccoist and the railroad man, quite informally of course, addressed Sully somewhat as follows: "Sully, we'll chip in \$50,000 apiece and you play on cotton for a rise. Divide the profits equally and keep a fourth for yourself. This, according to Sully's friends, was the way in which the first pool originated, as an inspiration from sweetheart poker. Sully got the money with which to speculate in his own way and won a handsome profit for himself and his associates. They began to have a great opinion of his knowledge of the cotton market.

By and by the four drew cards again at the round table, and between deals another pool was formed, this one, it was said yesterday, with \$1,500,000 in the pot. And again Sully played the game of the cotton king.

A creditor of the firm is the authority for the statement that there were nearly a dozen of these pools, and that until late February all of them returned a profit. Sully had a free hand to do as he pleased. He could terminate a pool when he pleased or continue it as long as he liked, and everything was done in the most discreet manner. The pool members continued to put up for this, so the story runs, but there came a day last Thursday, to be accurate, when they concluded to put up no longer and told Sully to suspend and they'd see him to-morrow.

Creditors of Sully & Co. heard this story on Monday and investigated it. The result of their investigations led three of them to join forces yesterday and file a petition in bankruptcy against Sully's firm. The petitioning creditors are Stephen M. Wood & Co., with a claim of \$250,000; Gwathmey & Co., with a claim of \$170,000; and Shearson, Hamill & Co., with a claim of \$100,000.

The petitioners asserted that the claims were for cotton sold by them to Sully & Co. and became due when the firm suspended. In their petition Gwathmey & Co. stated that they were owed \$170,000, but that \$50,000 cash had been paid to it. Judge Holt in the United States District Court granted the petition and appointed receivers of the assets of Sully & Co. who are now in the cotton exchange, and Henry W. Laff, Mr. Miller's name was suggested by the court. Judge Holt said he thought there ought to be another receiver who was a lawyer, and so he appointed Mr. Laff.

As soon as the receivers had been signed a copy of it was given to a clerk in the office of Footsby & Baldwin, attorneys for the petitioning creditors, and he went to Sully's office to serve it on Joseph H. Headley, the firm's assignee, and on Sully. Neither was to be found at Sully & Co.'s office or anywhere else. Finally, at the end of an hour and a half, Mr. Headley and Mr. Morse, a member of the firm, came out of an inside office and accepted service. The court order restrains all Marshals, the Sheriff, the assignee or any other person from interfering in any way with the assets of the firm.

As soon as the receivers were in possession they set R. L. Cutbert, an expert accountant, to work on the books. Then they did an unusual thing. There are four sets of doors leading from the hall to the Sully offices and three of these were sealed up. The sealing process consisted of fastening a piece of ribbon across the doors on the latch side with wax seals. The receivers explained this action by stating that they wanted to know just who entered the offices, and so they concluded to seal up all the entrances but one and put a man at that one to keep track of the callers.

Ernest E. Baldwin of Footsby & Baldwin was asked if the bankruptcy proceedings would not prevent Mr. Sully from making any settlement with his creditors. "On the contrary," was the answer, "he is now in a much better position to deal with his creditors than ever before. He can go right on and negotiate with them, and if, at length, a plan is proposed which shall be acceptable to two-thirds of the creditors, the receivers in bankruptcy must be discharged and Mr. Sully can run his own affairs. Before the bankruptcy proceedings were taken, any proposition he had made would have needed the assent of all the creditors to become effective. Besides, this action will preserve the assets of the firm until such time as the receivers can be effected or they can be distributed."

When Mr. Sully left his office to go home he didn't look a bit chipper and, for the first time since his failure, there was no smile on his face, as he said:

"The receivers are in control, and I know nothing and can do nothing. I don't own the clothes on my back, and I don't owe you five cents. I couldn't pay you."

That was Dan Sully's good-night to the reporters.

We have almost official information, said one of the creditors yesterday, "that the books of the firm show that three of the so-called big financiers or business men of New York were invested with Sully in pools to pool cotton and that the books will also show that the railroad president in this was the man who received the profit for distribution to his two other colleagues. If the books show these things, then we will have these gentlemen before a United States Judge and ask them a lot of interesting questions. We do not know yet what the terms of the various pools were, but I know, because I just escaped one once, that some pooling agreements are equivalent to copartnerships and that every member of the pool is responsible for any losses that may occur."

Another creditor, whose claim is near to \$200,000, told a reporter of THE SUN yesterday afternoon that he had seen at the Cotton Exchange in the morning a statement that had been obtained from one of the largest banks in New York, in which all the names of Mr. Sully's pool associates were given, and that they included, besides the persons already referred to, the head of a transcontinental railway system and a man who is known in Wall Street as the "silent friend of John W. Gates."

There was one man, however, who insisted that at least four of Sully & Co.'s creditors would have to assist Sully's pooling partners in paying the firm's debts under the bankruptcy proceedings. This man said:

take not, these creditors will have to pay back the money."

Joseph H. Headley had this to say about the bankruptcy proceedings: "I have no objections to them, but J. Temple Gwathmey, C. A. Shearson and Edward Weld of the creditors' committee are members of the firms which petitioned for the receivers in bankruptcy."

"As members of the creditors' committee they received Mr. Sully's proposition for settlement and were to give us an answer this afternoon. This morning, without any notification to either Mr. Sully or myself, or to the other creditors, they instituted these proceedings."

A NEW ORLEANS ATTACHMENT.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—An attachment has been taken out by De Buys & Laboussiere against Daniel J. Sully & Co. for \$23,585, for margins on cotton transactions. The total amount of Sully's indebtedness in New Orleans will not exceed \$100,000.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—It was an effort of an English creditor of Sully, the cotton king, to avoid being injured in the New York speculation failure that led to the filing of a foreign attachment in the Common Pleas Court here by John G. Johnson yesterday. The English creditor is Frederick Zaragosa, of the Zaragosa Pool, the purpose of the foreign attachment was to secure any money that the firm of George H. McFadden & Co. of this city, might have that is owing to Sully.

WEB. DAVIS'S GEMS OF SPEECH.

Kansas City Specimen Feeds the Democratic Club on Peppered Tongue.

Webster Davis, formerly of Kansas City, spoke last night at the Democratic Club. His subject was "Satan Democracy and the Moral Issue." These are some of his gems of speech:

We shall arouse to indignant protestation the Americanism of our detesting citizenry at Roosevelt's attempts to take on the airs of royalty.

President Roosevelt's methods go unrebuked the Constitution will become the mere doormat of any unscrupulous and ambitious politician whose thirst for official advancement is stronger than his conscience and his respect for the people.

We will call to the people's attention Roosevelt's abnormal vanity in charging to the Government personal expenditures far in excess of any one who ever occupied the White House. We will call to the people's attention the enormous expense in fitting up for his private use and the use of his family one of the Government's vessels.

Four more years of Roosevelt would be an era of stenographic rough riding and brandishing of those national shock we are so proudly so-called.

I would write it in a sentence. Roosevelt must be retired to private life.

We will freshen the people's mind as to how recently on his campaign tour to the West Roosevelt accepted as much as \$100,000 as a gift from the railroad, a private palace on wheels, well stocked with champagne, while at the same time he refused from a Boston lady the gracious gift of his country's flag.

We shall point out how this Administration, steeped in rank corruption as it is, has prostituted the power of government to further the coffers of its favorites, and made the Post Office and other departments a mere tool for the enrichment of the favorites.

I venture to predict that when the mask is torn from the face of the President, the corruption at Washington and it is held up to the light of public discussion, the people will find the voice of the people will burst forth like thunders from Sinai.

And then think of Hay, Sherman, Hay. He lives to get on his feet and link the boots of the foreign aristocracy.

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE BURIED.

King and Queen Follow His Body to the Grave.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 22.—The body of the Duke of Cambridge, first cousin of the late Queen and Field Marshal in the army, who died last Thursday, was buried this morning in St. Paul's Cathedral in Westminster Abbey, where it lay in state last night, to a position under the lantern in front of the high altar, in preparation for the funeral service. The coffin was borne to its place by non-commissioned officers of the army.

The guard of honor, composed of a detachment of the King's company of the Grenadier Guards, which had been on duty during the night, was then relieved by the pallbearers, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, Field Marshal Sir Frederick Paul Haines, Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Field Marshal Sir Henry W. Norman, Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny and Lieut.-Gen. Sir John French.

The Duke's funeral attracted immense but silent crowds which lined the streets along the route which the King and Queen followed in driving from the Palace to the Abbey.

After the impressive Abbey service their Majesties, with representatives of foreign monarchs and Princes of the blood, went in procession to Kensal Green Cemetery, where the Duke had expressed a desire to be buried, beside the body of his mother-in-law, Mrs. FitzGeorge.

It was the first occasion on which any King of England had visited Kensal Green Cemetery.

The concluding portion of the funeral service was performed. Three volleys were fired over the grave by a party of the Grenadier Guards, and "Last Post" was blown by the massed bugles of the Brigade of Guards.

Another Bomb at Liege.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LIEGE, Belgium, March 22.—A bomb was found to-day, unexploded, on a window sill at Police Headquarters here.

A bomb was exploded last week on the doorsteps of the Liege Police Commissioner. One man was killed and several severely injured.

The Marquette Will Replace the New York.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. SOUTHAMPTON, March 22.—The Atlantic Transport Company's steamship Marquette will replace the New York, which was damaged Sunday in a collision with the ship Marquette, and "Last Post" was blown by the massed bugles of the Brigade of Guards.

The Western storm area moved eastward in an oblong trough, with one centre over the Lake region yesterday morning and another over the Gulf of Mexico to-day. The weather was general over the States east of the Mississippi and also in Texas and Arkansas. In the Lake region and the northern Atlantic States there were sleet and some snow and then rain. The coast from Georgia to Maine was enveloped in fog, the winds blowing onshore north of Delaware and offshore south of that point. High winds were prevalent over the Lake region and in the Ohio and the Tennessee valleys. The Weather Bureau sent out special warnings of an extra storm along the coast, which did not appear. The temperature was higher and rising in all the States except from Montana and the Dakotas south to the west Gulf coast.

In this city the day was cloudy, rainy and foggy, with sleet in the early morning; warmer, with fresh to brisk northeast; average humidity, 94 percent; barometer, corrected to read sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.80; 3 P. M., 30.11.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

For eastern New York, weather followed by fair to-day and colder in the interior; fair, and brisk to-day; New England, rain to-day, colder in the west part; to-morrow fair, brisk northwest winds on the coast.

For western New York, fair and colder to-day; to-morrow, fair, fresh northwest winds.

For New Jersey and Delaware, sleet to-day; to-morrow, fair, fresh northwest winds.

For Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia, showers and thunderstorms to-day; to-morrow, fair, fresh to brisk northwest winds.

MCARREN-DOYLE FIGHT ON.

LEADER WAGING WAR IN POLITICAL REBELS' TERRITORY.

Senator Sure to Suffer by This Unusual Method Unless He Defeats District Leader or Makes Substantial Inroads on His Strength in His Province.

Political interest in Brooklyn is centered in the hot fight that Senator McCarren is making to accomplish the defeat of Fire Commissioner William A. Doyle at the primaries next Tuesday night in the Seventh Assembly district, of which he has been the Democratic leader for several years. McCarren is determined, if possible, to crush Doyle in revenge for his refusal to join in the Brooklyn "autonomy" procession and his opposition to an instructed delegation for Judge Parker.

Senator McCarren is so much stirred up over the situation that, ignoring usages of the organization and unwritten party law, he has made a personal invasion of a fellow district leader's domain in the prosecution of a hostile anti-primary crusade. Hitherto it has been the custom in Brooklyn to allow the Democrats to fight it out among themselves without the interference of outsiders. In his long and in many respects autocratic political reign the Hon. Hugh McLaughlin somehow managed to displace an obnoxious Assembly district leader without openly taking the field against him. McCarren, however, before leaving for Albany on Monday, arranged with his lieutenants for fierce and open warfare on Doyle in his own territory.

In prosecution of this purpose anti-Doyle meetings were held on Monday and Tuesday nights in the Seventh district. Magistrate E. Gaston Higginbotham, as the personal representative of McCarren, coming over from Williamsburg to teach South Brooklynites and Coney Islanders how to exercise their primary functions. To-day Senator McCarren is coming down from Albany to selected Doyle's district and to-night he will be the principal speaker at a meeting at the Pabst's Loop Hotel, Coney Island. He will also take the stump to-morrow night at the following two high in other sections of Doyle's political domain.

Even some of McCarren's closest friends think he has made a mistake in waging a war of political warfare and that he is sure to lose some prestige unless he accomplishes the defeat of Doyle or at least makes substantial inroads on his strength. As the fight has been able to maintain his supremacy against powerful combinations, and for three years in succession lowered the standard of the Hon. Luke D. Stapleton, who, discouraged by continuous defeat, emigrated from the Gowanus district and settled on the Heights.

The Seventh Assembly district is one of the biggest political divisions of the kind in the State, and its growth in population is greater than any other in Brooklyn. In the last election the district was won by the old New Utrecht territory, Coney Island and Sheepshead Bay. The registered vote of the thirty-five election districts last year was 10,000, and this year it is estimated to be 12,000. Under the management of Doyle the district has become more and more Democratic.

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GEN. LEE FOR PRESIDENT.

His Friends Start a Boom, Which Seems to Amuse Him.

RICHMOND, Va., March 22.—With his claims strongly urged by his friends, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee may figure prominently in the Democratic national convention, at St. Louis. A movement in his favor was started to-day and he was asked whether it would be agreeable to him to be considered as a candidate for the Presidency. Gen. Lee affects to treat the matter humorously. He said to-day that his position as head of the great Jamestown Exposition Company precludes his taking interest "in other matters of lesser import." The Lee boom was born soon after Congressmen Grosvener made his address at the banquet of the Jamestown Exposition Company at Old Point Comfort on Saturday night and urged the South to come again to the front.

Virginians are divided between Gen. Lee and Senator John W. Daniel. They would be glad to see either head the ticket, but if this is not to be, either Cleveland and Lee or Cleveland and Daniel would be heartily supported.

HEARST'S DELEGATES.

One Kansas Convention Refuses to Indorse Him for President.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., March 22.—The Reno county Democratic convention met in this city this afternoon. The fight was over the question of instruction on the Presidential candidates. The regulars did not want Hearst delegates on a test vote, the vote standing 77 for Hearst and 59 against instructions.

WELLINGTON, Kan., March 22.—In the Reno county Democratic convention held here to-day instructions for Hearst for President were defeated by a close vote, but the eleven delegates chosen to the State convention all are Hearst men except one. Judge David M. Dale of Wichita was indorsed for Governor.

SHELBYVILLE, Ill., March 22.—The Democratic central committee of Shelbyville county to-day passed a resolution indorsing Hearst.

MOORE, N. M., March 22.—The Democrats of Mora county were the first in the territory to hold their convention. They elected ten delegates favoring Hearst for President.

STURGIS, S. D., March 22.—The Meade county Democratic convention instructed its delegates for Hearst for President. Resolutions were passed endorsing Hearst for going directly to the people for his support instead of working through an organization.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 22.—The Lawrence county Democratic convention to-day indorsed Hearst for President.

PREACHER CHAMPIONS HEARST'S CAUSE.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., March 22.—The Democrats of Moreau, South Glens Falls, met in caucus last evening to elect delegates to the Saratoga county convention. To be held to-morrow in Ballston Spa, N. Y., William A. Wood made a stirring address indorsing Hearst. Wood was elected a delegate to the convention and will address the gathering in behalf of Hearst.

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WALBRIDGE OF ST. LOUIS AND WEBSTER OF NEBRASKA UP FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—Texas Republicans Head Off Fairbank's Friends—Some Negro Delegates Chosen.

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—The Republican State convention was called to order in Convention Hall this morning for the election of four delegates at large to the national convention. R. C. Kerens of the national committee sat in a place of honor with the State committee members on the platform.

The delegates chosen are L. F. Parker, general solicitor of the Frisco system; Senator Charles W. Clarke of Kansas City; Robert Day of St. Louis and C. A. Pierce of Maryville. All were instructed for Roosevelt.

The platform declares "for equality between all men," reaffirms the time-honored doctrine of protection and declares for a sound currency, "consisting of gold, silver and paper, but all based on gold." It demands the speedy completion of the Isthmian Canal and favors honest and competent men in all places of public trust.

As to labor and capital, the platform declares that each shall be secure in its inherent and lawful rights, but it opposes all illegal combinations of capital, organized and operated for the purpose of fixing rates and prices, stifling competition and violating the rights of products consumed by the people. It rejoices that the President's position has been sustained by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Chairman Benjamin F. Russell predicted Republican victory in November. His references to William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt were applauded vigorously, but when he spoke of "alarmized anarchy and butlerized brutality" everybody cheered.

Cyrus P. Walbridge of St. Louis was declared as the candidate for Vice-President.

DALLAS, Tex., March 22.—The Republican State convention to-day selected Cecil A. Lyon and R. B. Hawley, white men, and Charles M. Ferguson and M. M. Rogers, negroes, as delegates at large to the national convention. Roosevelt was indorsed for nomination for President and Cecil A. Lyon for national committeeman.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, Gov. Harrison of Ohio and John W. Springer of Arizona all had friends in the convention who wanted each indorsed for Vice-President. A resolution was introduced favoring Fairbanks, but before it could be put to a vote the convention adjourned.

State Chairman Lyon and former State Chairman E. H. R. Green made political peace just before the opening of the convention and thus avoided a split. Green was made chairman of the committee on resolutions.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 22.—At to-day's Republican convention of the First Congressional district, resolutions were passed indorsing Roosevelt for President and Webster for Vice-President.

The Republican county conventions held last night in Butler and Fillmore counties indorsed Roosevelt for President.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 22.—The St. Clair county Republican convention met here to-day. President Roosevelt and Congressman Roosevelt were indorsed in the resolutions adopted, but no mention was made of Gov. Yates.

LUFKIN, Tex., March 22.—The Republican convention of the Second Congressional district held here elected J. H. Kurth and B. F. Wallace delegates to the national convention. Resolutions were adopted indorsing Roosevelt for President and Webster for Vice-President.

END, Okla.—The Republicans in their county convention here to-day indorsed the administration of President Roosevelt and Gov. Ferguson.

JACKSON, Miss., March 22.—Mississippi

PUBLICATIONS.

Those who have used the columns of THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL have given it that highest possible endorsement—their continued patronage.

If they had not found it profitable they would not have kept on advertising, and if they had not kept on they would not have found it profitable. There is no profit in experimental or spasmodic advertising, and THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL does not want that kind. Be sure your medium is right, then go ahead and keep going. Money otherwise expended is money misspent.

One or two insertions of an advertisement seldom pay. It is consecutive, continuous, persistent efforts that win in advertising as in all other affairs of business.

The twelfth advertisement carries part of the weight of each of the preceding eleven, and the fiftieth is worth ten times the first.

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Friendship ripens slowly and through constant association.

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